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THE REPLY FILED 03 March 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

a) The period for reply expires 4 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
 2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
 (a) they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 (c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 (d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____.

3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
 4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
 5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
 6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
 7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

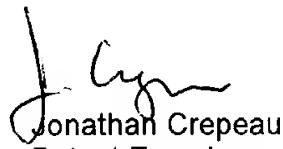
Claim(s) rejected: 1-17.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. The drawing correction filed on _____ is a)a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner.

9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.

10. Other: _____.


 Jonathan Crepeau
 Patent Examiner
 Art Unit: 1746

Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Applicants' arguments are still not persuasive in overcoming the Watanabe reference. Applicants state that "[e]ven if the moisture content of an electrode of Watanabe '644 was not more than 50 ppm after drying in a range of 80 to 350C (Watanabe '644, column 14, lines 40-47), the moisture content released from such electrode may have been more than 50 ppm, and the moisture content released from all of the materials may have been more than 5000 ppm, if measured using the method as recited in the present claims." Applicant's position appears to be that during the drying step of Watanabe, the electrodes may have given off more than 50 ppm of water. The Examiner acknowledges that this may be true. However, the Examiner maintains the position that the final product disclosed by Watanabe, i.e., the completed battery comprising the dried electrodes, still meets the instantly claimed limitations of water content. Applicant's claims are drawn to a lithium secondary battery, not a process of making a battery. It is submitted that the secondary battery of Watanabe anticipates the secondary battery recited in Applicant's claims. Applicant's argument seems to be that the point in time that the water content of the electrode of the instant claims is measured distinguishes over the point in time that the water content of Watanabe is measured. However, the instant claims do not require the measurement to occur at a specific point in time. As such, it is seen that when the battery of the instant claims is compared to the completed battery of Watanabe comprising the dried electrodes, the battery recited in the instant claims remains anticipated by the battery of Watanabe.